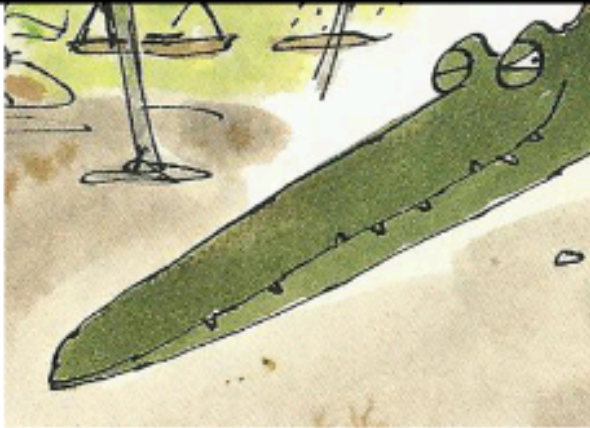


Thursday



Describe what you can see



What clues does this picture give us about the character's personality?



"Ho-ho!" he said, talking aloud to himself. "Ha-ha! That walk through the jungle has made me hungrier than ever. One child isn't going to be nearly enough for me today. I won't be full up until I've eaten at least three juicy little children!"

He started to creep forward toward the town.

The Enormous Crocodile crept over to a place where there were a lot of coconut trees.

He knew that children from the town often came here looking for coconuts. The trees were too tall for them to climb, but there were always some coconuts on the ground that had fallen down.

The Enormous Crocodile quickly collected all the coconuts that were lying on the ground. He also gathered together several fallen branches.

"Now for Clever Trick Number One!" he whispered to himself. "It won't be long before I am eating the first part of my lunch!"

Why do you think the Enormous Crocodile is collecting the coconuts?



He took all the coconut branches and held them between his teeth.

He grasped the coconuts in his front paws. Then he stood straight up in the air, balancing himself on his tail.



He had arranged the branches and the coconuts so cleverly that he now looked exactly like a small coconut tree standing among all the big coconut trees.

Soon, two children came along. They were brother and sister. The boy was called Toto. His sister was

called Mary. They walked around looking for fallen coconuts, but they couldn't find any because the Enormous Crocodile had gathered them all up.

"Oh look!" cried Toto. "That tree over there is much smaller than the others! And it's full of coconuts! I think I could climb that one quite easily if you help me up the first part."

Toto and Mary ran toward what they thought was the small coconut tree.

The Enormous Crocodile peered through the branches, watching them as they came closer and closer. He licked his lips. He began to dribble with excitement.

Suddenly there was a tremendous whooshing noise. It was Humpy-Rumpy the Hippopotamus. He came crashing and snorting out of the jungle. His head was down low and he was galloping at a terrific speed.

"Look out, Toto!" shouted Humpy-Rumpy. "Look out, Mary! That's not a coconut tree! It's the Enormous Crocodile and he wants to eat you up!"

Do you his plan would have worked if it wasn't for Humpy-Rumpy?



Do you think Humpy Rumpy is a friend of the crocodile?



Humpy-Rumpy charged straight at the Enormous Crocodile. He caught him with his giant head and sent him tumbling and skidding over the ground.

"Ow-eeee!" cried the Crocodile. "Help! Stop! Where am I?"

Toto and Mary ran back to the town as fast as they could.

Do you think the Enormous Crocodile's first clever plan was a good one?

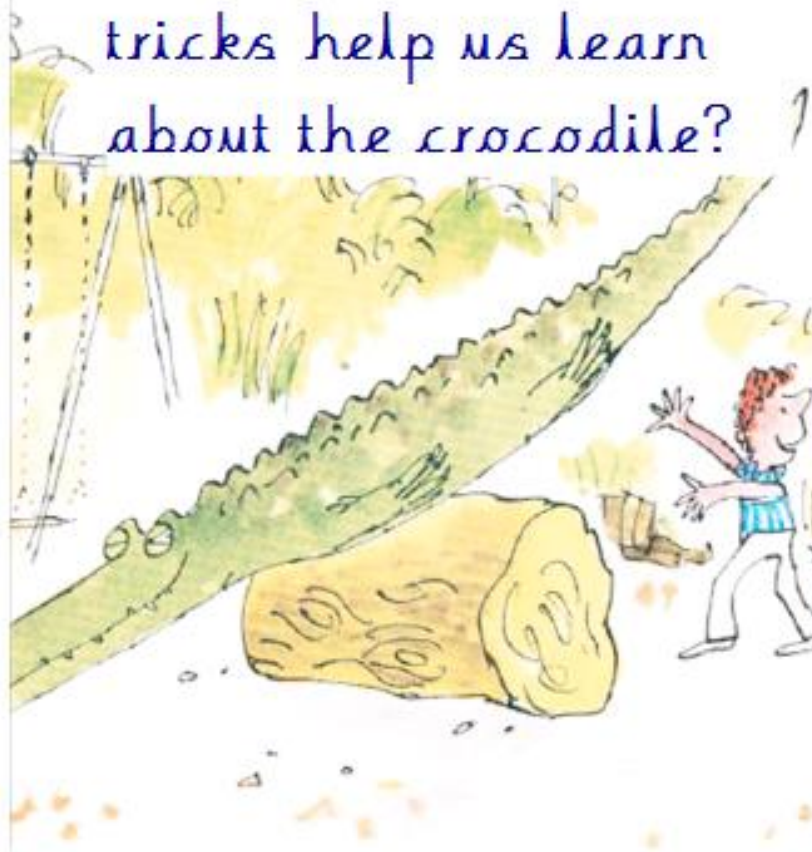


But crocodiles are tough. It is difficult for even a hippopotamus to hurt them.

The Enormous Crocodile picked himself up and crept toward the place where the children's playground was.

"Now for Clever Trick Number Two!" he said to himself. "This one is certain to work!"

What do these clever tricks help us learn about the crocodile?



There were no children in the playground at that moment. They were all in school.

The Enormous Crocodile found a big log and placed it in the middle of the playground. Then he lay across the log and tucked in his feet so that he looked almost exactly like a seesaw.

When school was over, the children all came running into the playground.

"Oh look!" they cried. "We've got a new seesaw!"

They all crowded around, shouting with excitement.



"I'll go first!"

"I'll get on the other end!"

"I want to go first!"

"So do I! So do I!"

Then, a girl who was older than the others said, "It's rather a funny knobby sort of a seesaw, isn't it? Do you think it'll be safe to sit on!"

"Of course it will!" the others said. "It looks strong as anything!"

The Enormous Crocodile opened one eye just a tiny bit and watched the children who were crowding around him. Soon, he thought, one of them is going to sit on my head, then I will give a jerk and a snap, and after that it will be *yum yum yum*.

At that moment, there was a flash of brown and something jumped into the playground and hopped up onto the top of the swings.

It was Muggle-Wump the Monkey.

"Run!" Muggle-Wump shouted to the children. "All of you run, run, run! That's not a seesaw! It's the Enormous Crocodile and he wants to eat you up!"





The children screamed and ran for their lives. Muggle-Wump disappeared back into the jungle, and the Enormous Crocodile was left all alone in the playground.

He cursed the Monkey and waddled back into the bushes to hide.

"I am getting hungrier and hungrier!" he said. "I shall have to eat at least four children now before I am full up!"

The Enormous Crocodile crept around the edge of the town, taking great care not to be seen.

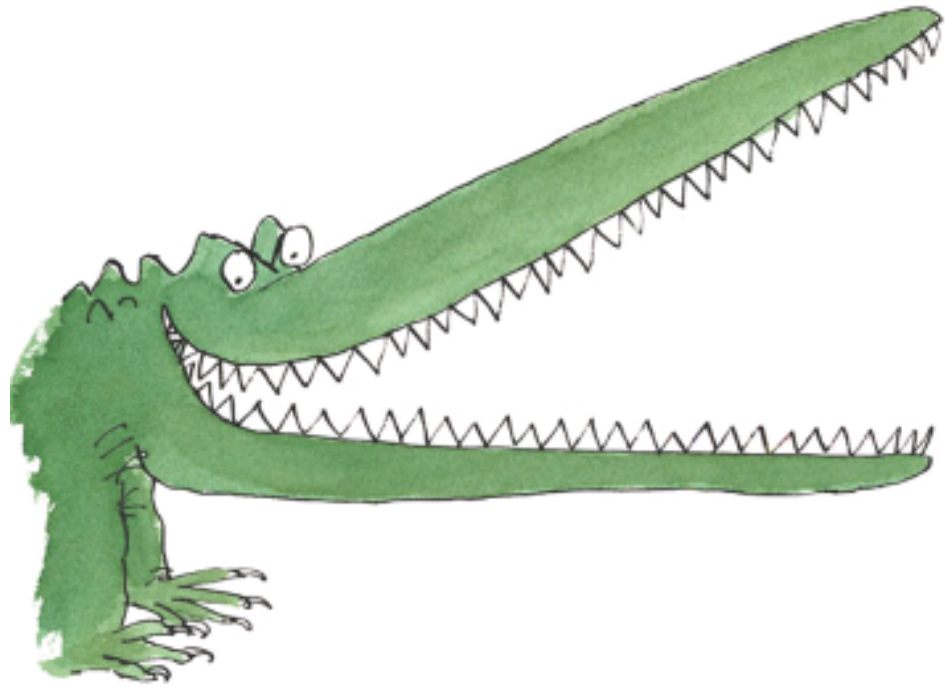
He came to a place where they were getting ready to have a fair. There were slides and swings and dodgem-cars and people selling popcorn and cotton candy. There was also a big merry-go-round.

The merry-go-round had marvelous wooden creatures for the children to ride on. There were white horses and lions and tigers and mermaids with fish tails and fearsome dragons with red tongues sticking out of their mouths.

"Now for Clever Trick Number Three," said the Enormous Crocodile, licking his lips.

Do you think he is clever or not? Why?





For lunch I am
going to eat a
nice, juicy little
child.

I have secret
plans and clever
tricks.

Can you persuade the Enormous Crocodile
to be a better, kinder crocodile?

What don't you want him to do?

What could he do instead?

It might be a better idea to..



Instead of...

If you...

Why don't you...



When you...



Rather than..

It would be more fun to..



Enormous
ile peered through
rches, watching
they came closer
er. He licked his
began to dribble
citement.

Dear Mr Crocodile,

I have heard that you have been using your secret plans and clever tricks to try and eat a juicy little child. How disgusting that is! You should be ashamed of yourself. I think you must find something nicer and kinder to do. When you try and trick the children, I think it is very mean. Do you have any idea how terrifying it must be for all of the poor, defenceless children? If you were more friendly to them, then I am sure they would like you more. Rather than try to eat them, why don't you try to be their friend instead. Wouldn't you be happier if you had real friends?

When you pretended to be a rocking horse, I thought that was especially mean because this should be a safe place for children. I'm not surprised that none of your friends like you. Why don't you try eating a juicy, delicious steak or a sugar, sweet treat rather than a disgusting bony child. I'm sure you will like it more.

I know you think you are really clever but your plans keep failing. Change your plans to be a nicer crocodile. Don't hurt people anymore and then everyone will like you. Make a change and you will have friends. How wonderful that will be!

Please take my advice.

From

I can write a letter to persuade

Dear Enormous Crocodile,